

essary, the methods of proceeding in the exercise of their powers of all the courts below the Supreme Court, so far as the same may be done without conflict with other provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 13. *In case of waiver of trial by jury.* In all issues of fact, joined in any court, the parties may waive the right to have the same determined by a jury; in which case the finding of the judge upon the facts shall have the force and effect of a verdict by a jury.

In case of waiver of trial by jury.

Sec. 14. *Special courts in cities.* The General Assembly shall provide for the establishment of special courts, for the trial of misdemeanors, in cities and towns, where the same may be necessary.

Special courts in cities.

Sec. 15. *Clerk of the Supreme Court.* The clerk of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the Court, and shall hold his office for eight years.

Clerk of Supreme Court.

Sec. 16. *Election of Superior Court clerk.* A clerk of the Superior Court for each county shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law for the election of members of the General Assembly.

Election of Superior Court clerk.

Sec. 17. *Term of office.* Clerks of the Superior Courts shall hold their offices for four years.

Term of office.

Sec. 18. *Fees, salaries, and emoluments.* The General Assembly shall prescribe and regulate the fees, salaries, and emoluments of all officers provided for in this article; but the salaries of the judges shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Fees, salaries and emoluments.

Sec. 19. *What laws are, and shall be, in force.* The laws of North Carolina, not repugnant to this Constitution or the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall be in force until lawfully altered.

What laws are, and shall be, in force.

Sec. 20. *Disposition of actions at law and suits in equity, pending when this Constitution shall go into effect, etc.* Actions at law and suits in equity pending when this Constitution shall go into effect shall be transferred to the courts having jurisdiction thereof, without prejudice by reason of the change; and all such actions and suits commenced before, and pending the adoption by the General Assembly of the rules of practice and procedure herein provided for, shall be heard and determined according to the practice now in use, unless otherwise provided for by said rules.

Disposition of actions at law and suits in equity, pending when this Constitution shall go into effect, etc.

Sec. 21. *Elections, terms of office, etc., of Justices of the Supreme and Judges of the Superior Courts.* The Justices of the Supreme Court shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, as is provided for the election of members of the General Assembly. They shall hold their offices for eight years. The judges of the Superior Courts, elected at the first election under this amendment, shall be elected in like manner as is provided for Justices of the Supreme

Justices of Supreme Court, election of.

Term of office.